assessed against each and amounts deposited by the companies upto 1989-90 are given in the Annexure. The position of assessment of liability at the end of 1988-89 and 1989-90 was the same. (*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 36)

(b) Final recovery from the companies involved in the Supreme Court case is pending from April-May, 1987 when the Supreme Court judgement was received whereas against the remaining companies it is pending from earlier periods also.

(c) and (d) A number of complaints were received against the tentative amounts assessed by the Special Team in the Supreme Court case. The amounts due are therefore being finalised now after due scrutiny. Final recovery can only be made after the recoverable amounts are finalised.

Taking over of sick units by Government

@*171. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to take over any more sick industrial units; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The general policy of the Government is not to take-over/nationalise sick and non-viable units so that the scarce resources of the country can be deployed productively for setting up viable and efficient new units.

(b) It is seen that the take-over of management has not proved ot be a successful instrument for the revival and rehabilitation of sick units. In view of this, since 1982, no unit has been taken over by the Central Government under the I (D & R) Act, 1951.

@Previously Starred Question 72, transferred from the 4th May, 1990.

*172. [*Transferred to the 22nd May, 1990.*]

Treatment facilities for the mentally retarded

*173. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to increase the treatment facilities for the mentally retarded;

(b) whether there is only one centre for the mentally retarded at Bangalore for the whole of South India; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for ignoring this sector?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Mental retardation is a permanent condition which cannot be cured by treatment. Mentally retarded persons are to be managed on a long term basis and intervention is helpful in the areas of self-help, education and vocational training.

The Ministry of Welfare have informed that under the scheme of assistance to voluntary organisations for disabled persons, 90 per cent of grant-in-aid is sanctioned to voluntary organisations working in the area of mental retardation, for programmes of detection, early intervention, special education and vocatinal training.

(b) No, Sir. In South India, the voluntary organisations which have been supported by the Ministry of Welfare are as under:—

1. Thakur Hariprasad Institute of Rehabilitation for Mentally Handicapped Children Hyderabad.

2. Hyderabad Special School for Children in Need of Special Care, Secunderabad.

3. Rotary Club, Shimoga (Karnataka).